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Deputies' Meeting

Tuesday, 17 February 1975

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PRESENT: Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Becker, Helms, [REDACTED]

Mr. Dulles:

a. Noted he was having lunch with [REDACTED] today and asked DDP if he knew of any items [REDACTED] might raise for discussion. Mr. Wisner said that he did not, however, A/DCI might wish to advise [REDACTED] that we were in the process of "actually and honestly" looking for [REDACTED]. Mr. Wisner also reminded Mr. Dulles of the reasons why [REDACTED]

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b. Noted he intended to invite the three Service Secretaries to lunch at which time they would be given about an hour's briefing on CIA.

c. Referred to a series of cables in regard to new policy toward China. Mr. Wisner noted that a reply had been drafted setting forth Headquarters' views and, in turn, requesting those of our people in the field. In response to a query from A/DCI, Mr. Helms stated that the above reply was directed to [REDACTED]. After some further discussion wherein it was noted that [REDACTED] and therefore he should not make such a visit at this time, Mr. Dulles stated that (1) he desired to see the cable to [REDACTED] before dispatch; (2) before any final decision was made in regard to "new CIA policy" in the Far East, it should be carefully coordinated with the Department of State.

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d. Noted a cable from the Senior Representative, [REDACTED] concerning an agreement between [REDACTED] and indicated his approval.

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e. Asked DDP to invite Mr. [REDACTED] to lunch in the Director's Dining Room at 1 o'clock, 24 February.

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f. Stated he was seeing [REDACTED] today who had excellent connections with [REDACTED]. Mr. Becker noted he believed we had already established contact with [REDACTED]

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Mr. Wisner:

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a. Noted a series of cables [REDACTED] in particular [REDACTED] and suggested the possibility of "leaking" some of this information to [REDACTED]

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c. Noted a memorandum for record he had prepared covering A/DCI's conversation with Congressman Kersten and asked if he should take any further follow-up action in addition to that indicated therein. Mr. Dulles suggested it might be well for DDP to discuss Kersten's conversation with [REDACTED]

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Mr. Helms:

a. Reported he had spoken to [REDACTED] who promised an answer the latter part of this week in regard to an assignment [REDACTED] Mr. Helms also said it might be necessary for the A/DCI to request personally an extension of [REDACTED] leave of absence [REDACTED] Mr. Dulles indicated he would do this if necessary.

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b. Stated that he had been advised that Messrs. Allison and Armstrong of State wished to discuss [REDACTED] with Mr. Wisner and also noted that he had prepared a memorandum as directed in regard to [REDACTED] After some discussion whereat it was pointed out that this memorandum could not, in fact, be submitted to State, Mr. Dulles asked Mr. Wisner to discuss [REDACTED] with Messrs. Allison and Armstrong when he saw them.

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d. Referred to the discussion at yesterday's Deputies' Meeting concerning the utilization of the unobligated balance of MSA counterpart funds and asked

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Mr. Helms (Cont'd.)

if A/DCI approved of this matter being discussed through normal budget channels. Mr. Dulles indicated he had no objection to this procedure; however, he did not of course wish to "keep anything" from Mr. Stassen and eventually would like to discuss this matter with him. Mr. Wolf noted that if the CIA Budget Officer "ran into any trouble" in regard to these funds, A/DCI would be immediately notified.

Mr. Becker:

a. Stated he had been informed by rumor that Senator Tobey's Committee would investigate Soviet clandestine procurement in the U.S. and suggested that General Counsel keep us advised, insofar as possible, as to the Committee's activities in this matter. Mr. Wolf undertook to so notify General Counsel.

25X1 b. Reported that [] defection was still in the rumor stage.

Mr. Wolf:

25X1 a. Noted that [] had been pressing for the full-time
25X1 employment of [] who, up to the present time had been acting
25X1 as a consultant. Mr. Wolf went on to say that about a year ago it had been
25X1 decided against using [] full-time in view of statements he had made to
25X1 the Press concerning the Veterans Administration. After some discussion wherein
25X1 it was pointed out that [] was eminently qualified in his field and
25X1 sufficient time had elapsed since the above incident, it was agreed to
employ [] on a full-time basis.

25X1 b. Stated that [] 25X1
25X1 [] had requested that CIA bear the expense of transporting
his household goods from that city to New York; (2) there was no legal
authority under which this could be done; (3) he did not recommend that an
exception be made in this case. A/DCI concurred.

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